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1. Founding Congress. At the founding congress of the National Resistance Front, [REDACTED] the following individuals were elected to the Provisional Central Executive Committee:

Trinh Minh The Military Commissioner

Tran Phong Secretary General

Pham Quang Thai Public Relations Commissioner

Nguyen Minh Triet Propaganda Commissioner and private secretary to
Trinh Minh The

Ho Duc Trung Finance Commissioner

2. Following the formation of the Executive Committee, the congress decided upon the formation of a committee under Col. The, with the mission of expanding the front on a national scale. Vu Hong Khanh was named as an advisor to the Influence Committee. As a result of the work of this committee over several months, representatives of the Dan Chu Cap Tien of North Vietnam and of the ethnic minority groups have now joined the front.
3. Economic Conditions. Forces of the National Resistance Front are being aided by the population of the area in agriculture and forestry activities. They are also being supported by several economic groups in the city.²
4. Munitions. In addition to the large reserve The was able to accumulate while cooperating with the French, the National Resistance Front has been able to recover arms caches left in the area by the Japanese. The location of these caches have been pointed out by Japanese now serving with The's forces. The has also been able to obtain additional French arms from sympathizers still serving in the French forces.

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5. Troop Rations. In addition to rice and other food, each soldier received a small daily allowance for tobacco and other expenses. Officers of the front receive the same allowances and live in the same manner as the troops.
6. Propaganda. Radio propaganda of the front is supplemented by a weekly bulletin entitled Duoc Giai Phong (Torch of Liberation).

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1. Comment. See [REDACTED] for details on the founding congress.
2. Comment. Presumably Tay Ninh.

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